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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUALA LUMPUR 1361

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SUBJECT: MALAYSIAN POSITION ON LOS

REF: KUALA LUMPUR 0321

SUMMARY. MFA OFFICIAL TOLD EMBOFF GOM POSITION ON " INNOCENT
PASSAGE" REMAINS FIRM, BUT GOM HAS DECIDED TO PUSH FOR
" NOTIFICATION" AND NOT AUTHORIZATION IN TERMS PASSAGE OF
WARSHIPS THROUGH STRAITS. HE SAID GOM ADJUSTING POSITION ON
SAFETY REQUIREMENTS TO BE MORE ACCOMMODATING MARITIME
POWERS. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING CALL ON OTHER MATTERS MAR 30, MFA PRINCIPAL
ASSISTANT SECRETARY RAZALI ISMAIL RAISED SUBJECT OF STRAITS
OF MALACCA WITH EMBOFF. RAZALI SAID GOM POSITION ON " INNO-
CENT PASSAGE" REMAINS FIRM, BUT HE REFERRED TO CONVERSATION
IN REFTTEL WHERE HE REVEALED THAT DIFFERENCES EXISTED IN
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GOM OVER WHETHER " AUTHORIZATION" OR " NOTIFIATION" WOULD BE REQUIRED IN TERMS OF PASSAGE OF WARSHIPS. RAZALI STATED ISSUE NOW HAS BEEN RESOLVED IN FAVOR OF NOTIFICATION. GOM, ACCORDING TO RAZALI, REALIZES IT LACKS MEANS TO ENFORCE AUTHORIZATION.

2. RAZALI SAID ON SAFETY MATTERS GOM NOW IN PROCESS OF ADJUSTING ITS POSITION, TO MAKE IT MORE ACCEPTABLE TO MARI-TIME POWERS. HE SAID GOM NO LONGER THINKING IN TERMS OF WEIGHT LIMIT ON SHIPS, BUT BELIEVES THAT DRAFT IS A MORE USEFUL MEASUREMENT. HE ALSO STATED GOM SOFTENING POSITION ON COMPULSORY INSURANCE. RAZALI SAID HE DIDN' T KNOW WHETHER JAKARTA WOULD BE AMENABLE TO THESE CHANGES AND THERE WOULD BE A MEETING IN INDONESIAN CAPITAL IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS TO THRASH THEM OUT.

3. RAZALI ALSO REVEALED THAT GOM WAS HAVING SOME PROBLEMS WITH JAKARTA' S ARCHIPELEGO CONCEPT. AS A RESULT OF SEA BORDER DEFINED UNDER CONCEPT, ACCESS TO EAST MALAYSIA FROM WEST MALAYSIA WOULD BE RESTRICTED AND TRAFFIC MIGHT HAVE TO TRANIST ZONE UNDER " INNOCENT PASSAGE" RIGHTS FROM INDO- NESIANS. RAZALI SAID THIS WAS UNACCEPTABLE SINCE " REGIMES CAN CHANGE". EMBOFF NOTED WE HAVE SOMEWHAT SIMILAR PROBLEM WITH " INNOCENT PASSAGE" FORMULATION THROUGH STRAITS OF MALACCA. LYDMAN

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